

REMARKS

In reply to the rejection under 35 USC 112, 1st Paragraph, the Applicant respectfully submits that the phrasing resulted from an **awkward translation** of the original Chinese. The actual meaning of "zero or at least one input parameter, and zero or at least one output parameter" is --at least one input parameter or at least one output parameter--, as now recited in the claims and set forth in the amended specification.

This can be understood by considering that **zero** input parameters is the same as "**no** input parameter," and that **zero** output parameters is the same as "**no** output parameter," so that the phrase can be read as "either no input parameter and at least one output parameter or no output parameter and at least one input parameter," which is logically the same as "at least one input parameter or at least one output parameter."

Since the amendments to the claims and specification merely correct a **grammatical/idiomatic/phrasing error**, it is respectfully submitted that the amendments do not involve "new matter."

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, reconsideration and allowance of the application are now believed to be in order, and such action is hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue that the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to again contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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